

Writing to Describe

Technique	What am I?	Example
Simile	A comparison of two distant things, using 'as' or 'like'.	<i>His face turned as grey as the sky above him.</i>
Metaphor	The act of bringing two completely different things together in order to describe.	<i>Her eyes were coal and her skin wrinkled paper.</i>
Personification	Giving something non human a human characteristic.	<i>The vicious wind slapped his cheeks.</i>
Pathetic Fallacy	The environment reflecting a character's mood.	<i>The skies darkened. Tears rolled from her eyes.</i>
Interesting adjectives	These describe the noun (object, thing, person).	<i>The emerald, twinkling necklace.</i>
Interesting adverbs	These describe the verbs (doing words).	<i>Silently, she crept towards her victim.</i>
Antithesis	Two opposite words used in a sentence.	<i>My only love sprung from my only hate!</i>
Oxymoron	Two opposite words used next to each other.	<i>The silence rang out around them.</i>